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Docket No. EQUIP0538WOUS

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: Robert J. Bend  
Application No.: *(not yet assigned)*  
For: CYLINDER LINER IMPROVEMENTS  
Filed: *Herewith*  
Expected Examiner: Unknown  
Expected Art Unit: Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the application as indicated below.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1 - 11 (Cancelled).

12. (New) An engine block mold comprising a barrel slab core and a cylinder bore liner;

wherein the barrel slab core includes a slab portion and a barrel portion extending from the slab portion, the barrel portion being adapted to receive the cylinder liner;